

The Barnes County Commission met in **special session** at the Valley City Commission Chambers in City Hall on Friday, April 26, 2013 with Phil Leitner, Eldred Knutson, John Froelich and Rodger Berntson present. Cindy Schwehr was unable to attend. Chairman Knutson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Emergency Declaration

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, met with the Commission to present the Emergency Declaration. The purpose of the Declaration is to facilitate further action, as needed, in order to respond to possible flood situations in the County. Phil Leitner moved to approve the signing of the Barnes County, North Dakota Emergency Declaration; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barnes County, North Dakota Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the County of Barnes has the potential for severe flooding due to a very high soil moisture content from precipitation received during the winter and spring of 2012 and 2013 compounded with the late and rapid snow melt from the 2012-2013 excessive snow accumulation; and

WHEREAS, the potential impact of flooding is significant due to the continuous precipitation and threatens the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens of Barnes County; and

WHEREAS, necessary mitigation measures, preparedness actions and other responses must begin immediately to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to public and private property in addition to County, Township, and City roads are beyond normal anticipation and budgeted funds; and

WHEREAS, the cost of cleanup, repair and replacement of such damaged facilities are far in excess of County, Township, and City resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners declares an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Barnes County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to recover from the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, reduce hardship and initiate the appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Barnes County.

Pursuant to this proclamation, the County Board of Commissioners authorized the Chairman or the County Emergency Manager or either of them to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property and to exercise these powers in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by laws (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

Dated in Valley City, North Dakota this 26th day of April, 2013.

Eldred Knutson, Chairman
Barnes County Board Commissioners

ATTEST:

County Auditor

This is to certify that the above declaration was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at BARNES COUNTY on April 26, 2013.

County Auditor

With no further business, Phil Leitner made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Eldred Knutson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission